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| Title: | METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ENHANCING THERMAL STABILITY, IMPROVING BIASING AND REDUCING DAMAGE FROM ELECTROSTATIC DISCHARGE IN SELF-PINNED ABUTTED JUNCTION HEADS HAVING SELF-PINNED LAYER EXTENDING UNDER THE HARD BIAS LAYERS | | |

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action dated April 4, 2005 in which a Restriction requirement was made, the claims of Group II (9-26) are hereby elected, without traverse. Please cancel the claims of Group I (1-8) without prejudice for prosecution in a related patent application.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions or comments, a telephone call to the number indicated below is invited.

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